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I. ADMINISTRATION

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- Noticed in:
 - Scottsbluff Star Herald
 - North Platte Telegraph
 - Sidney Sun-Telegraph
 - Kearney Hub
 - The Grand Island Independent

UPPER PLATTE BASIN-WIDE PLAN WEBSITE

upbwp.nednr.nebraska.gov

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE 2ND INCREMENT

<p><u>Administrative</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revisit order of goals• Define FA (unknown numbers)• # of increments• Meter the whole state?	<p><u>General Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversight• Monitor progress (score sheet)• Improved model for lower reaches• Accounting for surface water appropriators• Offsets based on timing and locations
<p><u>Economic, Social, Environmental</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Clean food and water for future generations• Water quality• Fish, Wildlife, park lands• Check valves on wells• Economic analysis (scenarios)• Management of the Resource	<p><u>New Sections / Additional</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drought conditions• Storage• Conjunctive Management• Hydropower

REVIEW OF THE SPG DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

- The first goal is consensus
- A majority vote is the determining factor for all sections of the plan.
- If the group cannot reach a majority, the DNR and the NRDs will work together to resolve the disputed issues.
- If the SPG is unable to come to consensus by June 2018, the DNR and the NRDs will work together to resolve the disputed issues and create a final plan by August 2018.



II. ECONOMICS OF WATER USERS

MARCH INPUT – ECONOMIC VIABILITY

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- Certain amount of water necessary for producers to produce a crop
- Water is only one of many factors involved in the economic viability for producers
- The retiring or taking irrigated acres out of production, as has been done in some instances during 1st increment, is not sustainable as a mitigation option

MARCH INPUT – ECONOMIC VIABILITY

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- Certain amount of water required for hydropower generation revenue for system (McConaughy, etc.) operation and maintenance
- Maintaining irrigated ag land values and associated tax base is important for political subdivisions reliant on property taxes
- Conjunctive water management – how can we do it differently to meet more demands

MARCH INPUT – ECONOMIC VIABILITY

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- Current level of funding for mitigation may not be sustainable
- Geographic equity in maintaining the economic viability across the basin is important
- Return on Investment – a cost/benefit of different uses of available supply may inform 'best' uses during times of shortage

WATER USE VULNERABILITY DISCUSSION

1. Under what water supply conditions has water been a limiting factor to your economic productivity?
2. Under what water supply conditions has water NOT been a limiting factor to your economic productivity?
3. What conditions result in your operations being profitable?

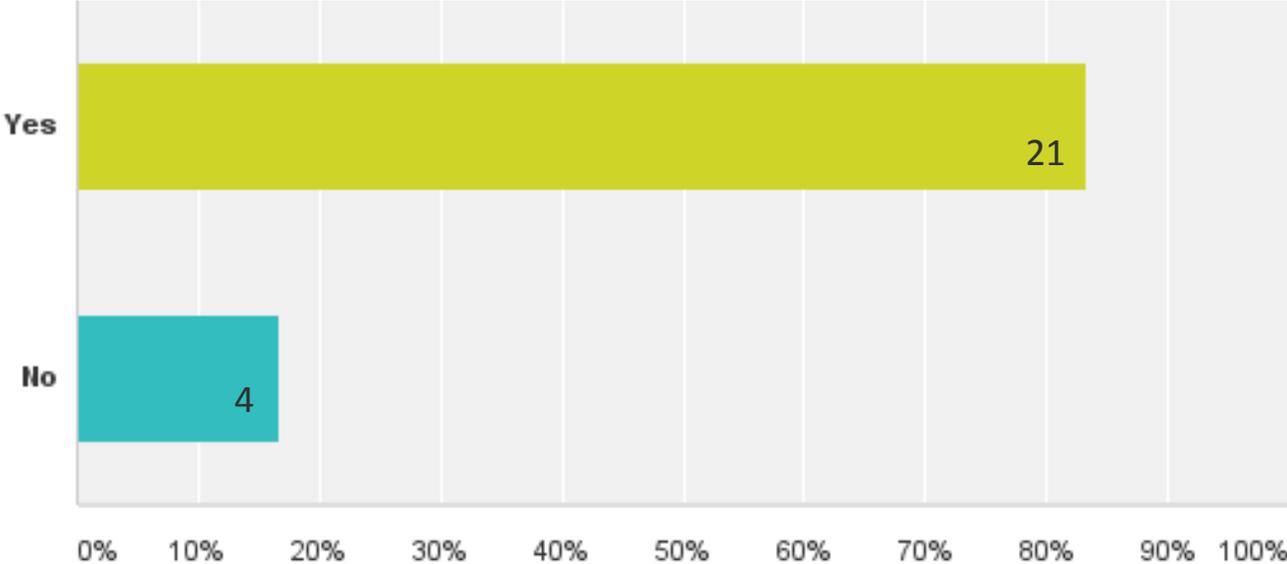


III.

**CONTINUED WORK ON
ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS**

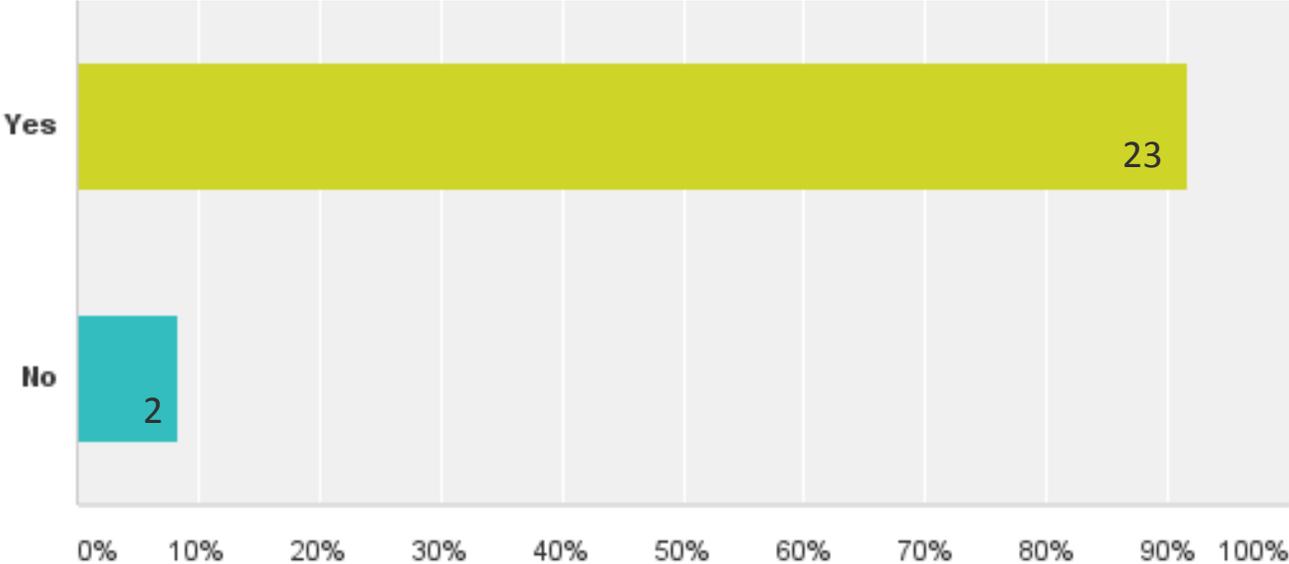
Q4: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the social and environmental health of the river basin?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 2



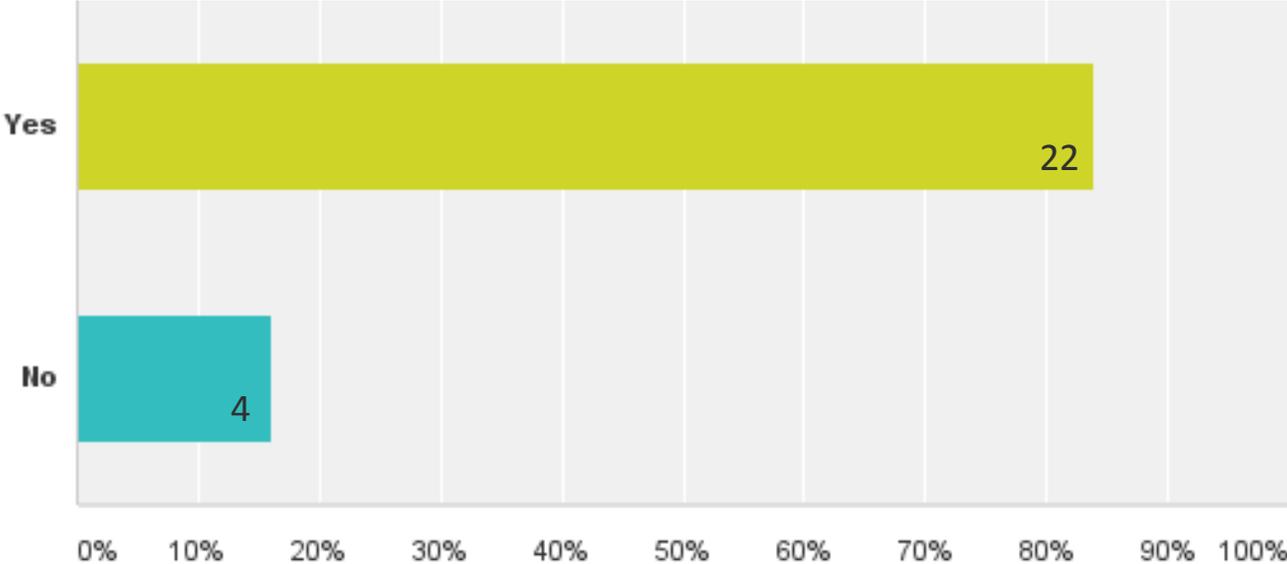
Q5: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the safety of the river basin?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 2



Q6: Does the first increment plan appropriately address the call to maintain the welfare of the river basin?

Answered: 26 Skipped: 1





IV. NEXT STEPS



V. PUBLIC COMMENT



NEXT MEETING - JULY 19, 2017